

CCPC

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: COMIREX Actions on Soviet Anti-Ship
Missile Threat Problem

1. The Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC) of the USIB completed a study of Soviet anti-ship missile threat which was forwarded to the USIB and discussed in Executive Session on 23 March 1972 (USIB-D-70.3/2. [REDACTED] 8 March 1972). Pursuant to that study and the USIB consideration, the following actions and delineation of responsibilities were approved.

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a. The development of information on the newer and more advanced nuclear capable anti-ship missiles will be accorded Priority 1 in DCID 1/2 for that period of time necessary to acquire information for the development of counter-measures. Soviet anti-ship missiles in this category included: SS-N-9; SS-NX-12; SS-N-7; the AS-6; the AS-5 (modified); the SS-N-3; and the SS-N-10.

b. GMAIC was designated as the USIB committee responsible for monitoring actions being taken to improve overall intelligence on anti-ship missiles, coordinating with the SIGINT Committee, COMIREX, and other committees and agencies as appropriate. USIB committees are to review collection and processing efforts directed against the highest

priority targets identified above and determine those additional actions necessary to augment the intelligence data base on these missiles. GMAIC is to report to the USIB in September 1972 on the results of these actions and make recommendations for additional actions as appropriate.

2. During earlier coordination on the CCPC Study the Navy member of COMIREX provided Chairman, ICRS, a detailed prioritized listing of targets and objectives for imagery collection. These will be reviewed for collection on a mission-by-mission basis. If appropriate, a specialized report for the information of COMIREX and GMAIC will be made following each mission, which would outline the collection undertaken and the exploitation results.